

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF OILSEEDS UNDER MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED and the State Cooperative Agencies are set to procure 5million tonnes of oilseeds from the market under minimum support price system during the ensuing Rabi season;

(b) if so, whether the procurement agencies are likely to mop up market arrivals of rapeseed, mustard and also sunflower seeds from Karnataka and Maharashtra;

(c) if so, whether the Government would consider continuing procurement of Copra from Karnataka mandis under the minimum support price as an on-going relief measures to Karnataka farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. Under Price Support Scheme (PSS), no ceiling on the procurement of the agricultural commodities are fixed. As a Central Nodal Agency, NAFED will procure oilseeds till the market prices of these oilseeds reach the level of Minimum Support Price (MSP) announced by the Government.

(b): Yes, Sir. If the prices of the rape seed, mustard seed and sunflower seed fall below the MSP, NAFED will procure these commodities under PSS.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. As and when price of copra fall below the MSP, NAFED will intervene in the market to undertake procurement under PSS. NAFED has been procuring copra under PSS including Karnataka since the year 1999-2000 as market prices have been ruling below MSP. A total of 2,84,926 MTs of copra has been procured by NAFED till now, out of which 40,573 MTs has been procured in Karnataka alone.